

Appl. No. : **09/995,816**
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REMARKS

Amendments to Claims

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendments to the claims set forth above in which Claims 1-2, 10, 12, 17-18 and 20-24 have been canceled and Claims 3-5, 9, 11, 13-16, 19 and 25 has been amended.

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 8, 15 and 17 were objected due to several informalities. As requested by the Examiner, Applicants have corrected the informalities. In view of the corrections, Applicants respectfully request the objections to the claims be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 2-13, 17 and 24-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regards as the invention. Applicants have canceled Claims 1-2, 10, 12, 17 and 24.

As noted by the Examiner, Claims 11, 13 and 25 meet the x limitation but not the y limitation of the Claim 2. In view of this inconsistency, Applicants have amended Claims 11, 13 and 25 to depend from Claim 16. Moreover, the y limitation of Claim 16 has been amended to include ethylene oxide and propylene oxide. Thus, the formulae set forth in Claims 11, 13 and 25 meet both the x and y limitations of the amended Claim 16. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-9, 12, 18 and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Cao, U.S. Patent No. 5,965,281 (hereinafter "Cao"). Applicants have canceled Claims 1-2, 12, 18 and 20-22. In addition, Claims 3-9 have been amended to depend from amended Claim 16. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 16 is patentable over Cao. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

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Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Cao, U.S. Patent No. 5,965,281. Applicants have canceled Claims 23 and 24. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any concerns that might prevent the prompt amendment of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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